

### REMARKS

Claims 1-69 are presently pending in this case. In this preliminary amendment, Applicants have canceled Claims 53-55, and 67-69, without prejudice. Applicants have also amended Claims 2-15, 17-31, 33-41, 43-48, 50-53, and 61-64, and have added new Claims 70-112. Applicants have also amended the instant Specification to include a Priority Claim. Support for amended Claims 2-15, 17-31, 33-41, 43-48, 50-53, and 61-64, as well as new Claims 70-112 can be found generally throughout the instant Specification, and particularly in Claims 1-69 as filed. Consequently, the instant Amendment introduces no new matter into the instant Application.

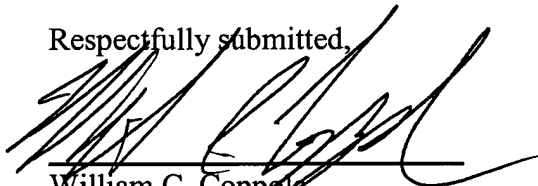
### *Fees*

No fees are believed to be necessitated by the instant response. However, should this be in error, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account no. 18-1982 for any underpayment, or to credit any overpayments.

### CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the Claims as amended are believed to be in condition for allowance. Thus, early and favorable action on the claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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